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1. N.I.K., the Hungarian Heavy Industries Branch, has placed with USIA an order for 22,000 tons of scrap iron. It was requested by N.I.K., whose agent was a Hungarian called Abel,* that the transaction be completed as soon as possible.
2. Ninety railroad carloads of scrap are awaiting shipment at the Meszhart yards in Vienna.
3. The shipment is being effected partly by SDGP (Soviet Danube Shipping Company), and partly by Meszhart. SDGP has placed three barges at Meszhart's disposal, and Meszhart will also use three freight barges which are due to arrive in Vienna under tow of the steamer "Stefania" on 1 April 1949. These barges are carrying 100 railroad carloads of rye (a portion of the Hungarian deliveries guaranteed under the Austro-Hungarian barter agreement).

4. The SDGP has taken over three tanker barges belonging to Meszhart for the shipment to Reni (Romania) of gas oil extracted from the Zisterdorf oilfield.
5. The tankers are at present loading at Lobau. A Meszhart tug will pull them to Reni, and fees for this service will be paid by the SNV to Meszhart.

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